

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-10 (canceled).

11. (new): A method for the manufacture of a prothrombin time measuring reagent, comprising steps of;

providing a thromboplastin-containing composition having an ISI of more than 1.0; and adding an amino acid to the thromboplastin-containing composition so as to obtain the mixture having the ISI nearer to 1.0 than the ISI of the thromboplastin--containing composition,

wherein the amino acid is selected from the group consisting of alanine, aminobutyric acid, glutamic acid, glutamine, sodium glutamate, methionine, proline, serine and tyrosine.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is derived from natural material selected from the group consisting of human placenta, rabbit brain and bovine brain.

13. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is prepared by means of a recombinant technology.

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14. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein a final concentration of the amino acid is 0.01-10w/v%.

15. (new) A method for the manufacture of a prothrombin time measuring reagent, comprising steps of;

providing a thromboplastin-containing composition; and

adding an amino acid to the thromboplastin-containing composition, wherein the amino acid is selected from the group consisting of alanine, aminobutyric acid, glutamic acid, glutamine, sodium glutamate, methionine, proline, serine and tyrosine.

16. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is derived from natural material selected from the group consisting of human placenta, rabbit brain and bovine brain.

17. (new): The method of claim 15, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is prepared by means of a recombinant technology.

18. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein a final concentration of the amino acid is 0.01-10w/v%.

19. new) A prothrombin time measuring reagent comprising a thromboplastin- containing composition having an ISI more than 1.0; and

an amino acid selected from the group consisting of alanine, aminobutyric acid, glutamic acid, glutamine, sodium glutamate, methionine, proline, serine and tyrosine,

wherein a mixture of the thromboplastin-containing composition and the amino acid has the ISI nearer to 1.0 than the ISI of the thromboplastin-containing composition.

20. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 19, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is derived from natural material selected from the group consisting of human placenta, rabbit brain and bovine brain.

21. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 19, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is prepared by means of a recombinant technology.

22. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 19, wherein a final concentration of the amino acid is 0.01-10w/v%.

23. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 19, wherein the prothrombin time measuring reagent is a form selected from the group consisting of a liquid production, frozen production and freeze-dried production.

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24. (new): A prothrombin time measuring reagent comprising a thromboplastin-containing composition and an amino acid selected from the group consisting of alanine, aminobutyric acid, glutamic acid, glutamine, sodium glutamate, methionine, proline, serine and tyrosine.

25. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 24, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is derived from natural material selected from the group consisting of human placenta, rabbit brain and bovine brain.

26. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 24, wherein the thromboplastin-containing composition is prepared by means of a recombinant technology.

27. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 24, wherein a final concentration of the amino acid is 0.01-10w/v%.

28. (new): The prothrombin time measuring reagent of claim 24, wherein the prothrombin time measuring reagent is a form selected from the group consisting of a liquid production, frozen production and freeze-dried production.